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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 11 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 55th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs: election of the members of the International Law Commission [17 (a)]:

   (a) Notes by the Secretary-General concerning the candidates (A/51/177 and Add.1-9);

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the consolidated list of candidates (A/51/653);

   (c) Notes by the Secretary-General concerning the statements of qualifications of candidates (A/51/178 and Add.1).

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [25]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/299);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.14/Rev.1).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

a.m.- 1 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1
.m.- 6 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1

roduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted ll disarmament and international security agenda items 60, 53-81:

Agenda items [60] (A/51/27, 208-S/1996/543, 1017-S/1996/ 632, A/C.1/51/L.36); [61] (A/51/179, 209, A/C.1/51/L.47); [62]; [63] (A/C.1/51/L.20 and Rev.1); [64] (A/51/529, A/C.1/ 51/L.34); [65]; [66] (A/51/27, 123, 127, 131, 163, 167, 174, 208-S/1996/543, 262, 412, A/C.1/51/4, 5, 8); [67] (A/51/113-S/1996/276, 117-S/1996/290, 216-S/1996/563, 286, A/C.1/ 51/L.28 and Rev.1); [68] (A/51/176, A/C.1/51/13, A/C.1/51/ L.6); [69] (A/51/27, 163, 262, A/C.1/51/13, A/C.1/51/L.30); [70]; (A/51/27, 262, A/C.1/51/L.43); [71] (A/51/27, 42, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 127, 131, 136,

137, 139, 157, 159-S/1996/418, 163, 165-S/ 1996/435, 167, 169-S/1996/444, 174, 181, 188-S/1996/511, 207, 208-S/1996/543, 214, 218, 220, 224, 262, 266-S/1996/ 621, 279, 300, Add.1 and Add.2, 393, 452, 462-S/1996/831, A/C.1/51/7, 11, 12, 13, A/C.1/51/L.3*, L.4 and Rev.1, L.7, L.11 and Rev.1, L.12, L.14, L.16, L.17, L.18, L.21, L.24, L.29, L.31, L.35, L.37, L.38, L.39, L.41, L.44, L.45, L.46, L.48, L.49); [72] (A/51/27, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 137, 188-S/1996/ 511, 219, 274-S/1996/631, 287, 403, 445, A/C.1/51/L.8, L.10, L.15, L.19 and Rev.1, L.26* and Rev.1, L.32); [73] (A/51/27, 42, 86-S/ 1996/216, 137, 175, 182, 346-S/1996/740, 352, 364, A/C.1/51/ L.1 and Rev.1, L.5 and Rev.1, L.25); [74] (A/51/446, A/C.1/51/L.27*); [75] (A/51/139, 254, A/C.1/51/L.40); [76] (A/51/210, 230 and Corr.1, A/C.1/51/L.33); [77] (A/51/29, A/C.1/51/L.13); [78] (A/C.1/51/L.9*); [79] (A/51/117-S/1996/290, 151, A/C.1/51/ L.23); [80] (A/C.1/51/L.2); [81] (A/51/60-S/1996/62, 89, 137, 202-S/1996/537, 318-S/1996/ 706, 351-S/1996/744, 401-S/1996/782, 461-S/1996/830, 537-S/1996/867, 550-S/1996/ 872, A/C.1/51/13, A/C.1/51/L.22, L.42 and Rev.1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83] (A/51/20, A/51/276)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

[The Panelon issues related to external debt (agenda item 94 (a)) will be moderated by Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development. Panelists will be Mr. Moustapha Deme (consultant), Ms. Nawal Kamel (World Bank), Mr. Soe Lin (Canadian International Development Agency), Mr. Mohammed Sadli (debt consultant to the Movement of Non-aligned Countries) and a representative from a non-governmental organization. Introductory remarks by the Panelists will be followed by a question-and-answer session. The meeting is open to all delegations, media representatives, representatives of non-governmental organizations and members of the United Nations system.]

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions [94] (A/51/87, A/51/208-S/ 1996/543)

(a) External debt and development (A/51/294)

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed contries (A/51/291 and A/51/388)

Introductory statement and general discussion

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.17

(f) Eradication of poverty

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.18

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107] (A/51/293, A/51/499, A/51/565)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.13

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.14

3. International drug control [102]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.9 (Programme budget implications in A/C.3/51/L.22)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106] (A/51/41, (Supplement No.41), A/51/90, A/51/306 and Add.1, A/51/385, A/51/424, A/51/456, A/51/492)

   Address by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

   General discussion

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105] (A/51/12, and Add.1, A/51/329. A/51/341, A/51/367, A/51/454, A/51/206-S/1996/539)

   Conclusion of general debate

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111] (A/49/368, A/49/943, A/50/985, A/C.5/50/51, A/51/5 (Vols.I-IV), A/51/5/Add.1-10, A/51/283, A/51/488 and Add.1, A/51/523 and A/51/533)

   Continuation of general discussion

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141] (A/50/945, A/50/1004, A/50/1005, A/51/302, A/51/305, A/51/432, A/51/467 and A/51/486)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Programme planning [114]

   Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001: Programmes 11-13 and 19-25

   (A/51/6 (fascicles), A/51/6/Prog.11/Rev.1 and A/51/16 (Parts I and II))

   Continuation of general discussion

4. Human resources management [120] (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1 and A/51/421 and Corr.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	37th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-eighth session [146] (A/51/10 and Corr.1, A/51/177 and Add.1-5, A/51/178, A/51/332 and Corr.1, A/51/358 and Add.1, A/51/365)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.-	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on a draft resolution concerning the United Nations Decade of International Law

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* Immediately after the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Procurement reform

COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Inter-sessional informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 11 November 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: DRAFTING GROUPS 1 AND 2 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: communication for development)

9.30.a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: global financial integration)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: special session on the implementation of Agenda 21)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: on external debt crisis)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Briefing by the Coordinators on the current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal meeting

There will be a CTBT informal Bureau meeting (open-ended) to discuss the following subjects: (a) budget (item 8) and (b) scale of assessements (item 8) on Monday, 11 November 1996, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will a meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.38 entitled "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures" on Monday, 11 November 1996, from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of a draft resolution on agenda item 56 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina) on Monday, 11 November 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, organized by the Department of Public Information and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), by Ms. Graça Machel, former Minister of Education of Mozambique, who was appointed by the Secretary-General an expert to undertake a study on the impact of armed conflict on children.The briefing will be held on Monday, 11 November 1996, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. Representatives of delegations, non-governmental organizations and the media and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. — 56th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [27]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/355 and Add.1);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.15).
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [56].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 21)

In accordance with the announcement made by the President of the General Assembly on 28 October 1996, the Coordinator of the Informal Consultations on Item 21 and all its sub-items, H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria), will hold the first meeting of the Informal Consultations on Friday, 15 November 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8, for a preliminary exchange of views on the questions to be considered under that item and on the organization of the work of the Informal Consultations.

Bearing in mind that the debate on item 21 is scheduled to be held in the Plenary on Thursday, 21 November, delegations are invited to present any initiative (draft resolution) they might have to the informal meeting on 15 November.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee are open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. Nicole Pouilleul, tel.: 212-963-5700, fax: 212-963-5935).

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The 178th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 14 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The list of speakers for the general debate (scheduled for 25 and 26 November 1996) of the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, to be held in Geneva (from 25 November to 6 December 1996) is open for inscription.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the BWC (Mr. Sola Ogunbanwo), Provisional Secretary-General of the Review Conference, BWC Secretariat, Palais Des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland (tel. : 022-9173644, fax: 022-9170296, room A-598).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The next meetings of the resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1996/93)

   Selection of themes for the high-level, the coordination segment and the high-level segment on operational activities for development for the 1997 substantive session of the Council (E/1996/103)

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and Development [6 (i)] (E/1996/99, E/1996/L.26)

3. Coordination questions: reports of the coordination bodies [9 (a)] (E/1996/18 and Add.1)

4. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102)*

5. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11] (A/51/16 (Part II))

6. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13] (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 and CRP.5)

7. Elections [14] (E/1996/95 and Corr.1, E/1996/L.15/Add. 2)

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* To be issued.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 12 November 1996 at 9.15 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 12 November 1996, from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mrs. Graça Machel, expert of the Secretary-General on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children, will address the Forum on "The rights of children in armed conflicts".

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty on Tuesday, 12 November 1996, at 12 noon in Conference Room 1. All States Signatories are requested to attend.

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Briefings

There will be an informal briefing on the work of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in the field of child labour. The briefing will be held in conjunction with Third Committee agenda item 106 (Promotion and protection of the rights of children), as well as with the release of a new report on the ILO's most recent work in this area. Ms. Gabriele Stoikov, Manager of the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) since 1994, will give the briefing on Tuesday, 12 November 1996, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. All delegates, Secretariat staff and representatives of agencies and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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In accordance with the request made by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1996/33 on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs will convene an informal open-ended information meeting on Thursday, 14 November 1996, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6, to apprise delegations on the measures taken in preparation for the comprehensive analytical report called for in that resolution, as well as on various on-going activities of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs.

Announcements

The secretariat of the Open-ended High Level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System informs delegations that document WGNUS/CRP.3/Add.5 is now available in Room S-3380. This document represents Chapter V of the Compendium of proposals dealing with "Peace and Security".

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Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.* on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 7 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items

The First Committee continued the third phase of its work, namely introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.4), Nigeria (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.32 and who on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the African Group of States introduced draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.24), Egypt (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.28), the United States (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.45), Qatar, Indonesia, South Africa (who on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the African Group of States introduced draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.23), Egypt (who on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the League of Arab States introduced draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.27), Togo (who on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the African Group of States introduced draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.26), New Zealand, Israel, Spain, the Russian Federation, Poland (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/ 51/L.25 and L.48), the Syrian Arab Republic and Egypt.

The Chairman made a statement.

It was announced that the following countries had become co-sponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/51/L.1/Rev.1: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; A/C.1/51/L.2: Bangladesh, Cuba, Croatia, Estonia, Iceland, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Mauritius, Slovenia and Spain; A/C.1/51/L.4: Benin, Grenada, Guyana, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Suriname, United Republic of Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Vanuatu, Zaire and Zimbabwe; A/C.1/51/L.8: Kenya, Sri Lanka and South Africa; A/C.1/51/L.9: Guatemala; A/C.1/51/L.10: Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines and Thailand; A/C.1/51/ L.16: Bangladesh, Belgium, France, Germany, India, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zaire; A/C.1/51/L.17: Australia, Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Venezuela; A/C.1/51/L.18: Congo, El Salvador, Liberia and Zaire; A/C.1/51/L.19/Rev.1: Bangladesh, Lesotho and Malaysia A/C.1/51/L.20/Rev.1: Bangladesh, Kenya and Singapore; A C.1/51/L.24: Monaco and Mongolia; A/C.1/51/L.30: Cuba Guatemala and Zaire; A/C.1/51/L.31: Congo, Liberia and Zaire A/C.1/51/L.32: Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Congo, Guate mala, Kenya, Liberia, Mongolia, Republic of Moldova Romania, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Sweden and Zaire A/C.1/51/L.33: Morocco and Turkey; A/C.1/51/L.34: Australia Guatemala, Iceland, Luxembourg and Republic of Korea; A C.1/51/L.35: Benin, Japan, Liberia and Zaire; A/C.1/51/L.36 Bangladesh, Chile, Egypt, Estonia, Iceland, Lithuania, Nigeria Qatar and Sri Lanka; A/C.1/51/L.37: Afghanistan, Brazil Guyana, India, Iraq, Nigeria, Paraguay, San Marino, Singapore Sri Lanka, Thailand and United Republic of Tanzania A/C.1/51/L.38: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Canada, Côt d'Ivoire, Denmark, Lesotho, Malta, New Zealand, Niger Republic of Moldova, Sweden and Uruguay; A/C.1/51/L.39 Lesotho; A/C.1/51/L.40: Bangladesh, Belarus, Malta, Monaco Mongolia, Panama and Paraguay; A/C.1/51/L.42: Austria Belgium, Congo, Denmark, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands an Zaire; A/C.1/51/L.43: Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cuba Mongolia, Myanmar and Nigeria; A/C.1/51/L.44: Zair A/C.1/51/L.45: Monaco; A/C.1/51/L, 46: Australia, Benin, Côt d'Ivoire, Finland, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagasca Malawi, Monaco, Mongolia, Nepal, Panama, Paraguay, Spai the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turk menistan and Zaire; A/C.1/51/L.47: Afghanistan, Iceland, Japa Malta, Monaco and United States of America.

THIRD COMMITTEE 27th meeti

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the item

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunis Liechtenstein, Israel and The Former Yugoslav Republic Macedonia.

The Committee then held a dialogue with the Assista Secretary-General for Human Rights and the Special Rapporte of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms intolerance, after which the Chairperson made a statement.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 105.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.14

The representative of Poland, also on behalf of South Africa, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.20

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Ghana, Nepal and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

28th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovenia, Imdia, Ukraine, Guyana (on behalf of CARICOM), Syrian Arab Republic, Colombia, Pakistan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Iraq, Andorra, Singapore, Zambia, Algeria, Croatia and Thailand.

The representatives of Myanmar, Morocco and Algeria made statements in exercise of the right of the reply.

The Committee concluded its joint general discussion of the items.

Friday, 8 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

(c) *Trade and development*

(d) *Commodities*

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 94, sub-items (c) and (d).

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.16

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Colombia (on behalf of the members of the Movement of the Non-aligned Countries) introduced the draft resolution.

The Committee then continued its general discussion on the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Fiji, Hungary, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand and Uruguay), Iraq, Ukraine, Bulgaria, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Canada.

The Committee thus concluded the general debate on agenda item 94, sub-items (c) and (d).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement also on behalf of Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Kazakstan, in relation to the introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.16.

Organization of work

At the request of the representative of Pakistan, the Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 99(a) to Thursday, 14 November, 1 p.m.

At the request of the representative of the United States, the Committee also agreed to postpone the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 12 to Friday, 15 November, 1 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights.

The Committee began the general discussion of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Argentina, United States, Bolivia and the Russian Federation.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organisation, the World Bank and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Advancement of women [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.19**

The representative of New Zealand (also on behalf of Australia and Canada) introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Chile, Colombia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Dominican Republic, France, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Madagascar, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, the United Kingdom, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.21**

The representative of Norway introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Fiji, Germany, Guinea, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Sierra Leone, Spain and Zaire.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 105.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.12

The representative of the Russian Federation, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.15

The representative of Sudan introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Bangladesh and Morocco had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.16

The representative of Jordan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Costa Rica had joined as co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.20

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution has no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out further revisions to the draft resolution.

It was announced that Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, France, Dominican Republic, Malta, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Swaziland, Thailand and Zaire had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

30th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee heard a special presentation of the report on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children.

The President of the General Assembly addressed the Committee.

The Secretary-General addressed the Committee.

The Expert of the Secretary-General introduced the report on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children.

Statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, the Director and Special Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Vice President of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Mozambique, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Portugal, Botswana, Uruguay, the United States, the Netherlands, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Burundi and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Expert of the Secretary-General made concluding remarks.

The Committee then began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights.

Organization of work

It was announced that, on Monday 11 November, at the end of the morning meeting, the Committee would hear the introduction of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/51/L.13 (Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa). The Committee would also take action on the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/51/L.14 (Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in addition to document A/C.3/51/L.9 (International action to combat drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking) which had been previously announced.

On Wednesday, 13 November, the Committee will take action on the draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.19 (Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat) and L.29 (Follow up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action).

It was also announced that the following time-limits would be set for statements delivered under agenda item 110 (b), (c), (d) and (e) (Human rights): for statements on one sub-item, the time limit would be 7 minutes. Statements of Secretariat officials would also be limited to 7 minutes; for delegation statements on two sub-items, the time limit would be 10 minutes; and for delegations speaking on all four sub-items, the time limit would be 15 minutes; the time limit for statements by groups of delegations would be a maximum of 25 minutes.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 24th and 25th meetings

Note: The summary of the 24th and 25th meetings of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/220).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Report of the International Law Commisison on the work of its forty-eighth session [146]

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy, China, France, Morocco, Argentina, Jordan, Japan, Sri Lanka, Cameroon, Bulgaria, the Republic Islamic of Iran, Ukraine, Australia and Spain.

The Chairman also spoke.

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOR 1997

The President of the General Assembly (Malaysia) opened the meeting and made a statement. The Director of the UNHCR Liaison Office to United Nations Headquarters made a statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives of Monaco, the United States, Denmark, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Norway, Sweden, Japan, Turkey, the Netherlands, Morocco, Lietchenstein, Algeria, Switzerland, Hungary, Malaysia, Austria, China, Belgium, the Holy See, Portugal and Sri Lanka.

The Chairman announced that pledges had also been received from Benin, Ghana, Lebanon and Djibouti.

A closing statement was made by the Director of the UNHCR Liaison Office.

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1559th meeting

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee concluded in closed meeting its consideration of the item.

Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant [3]

The Committee then decided in a public meeting to schedule for consideration at its fifty-ninth session (New York from 24 March to 11 April 1997), the second periodic report of Bolivia, the fourth periodic report of Colombia, the initial report of Georgia, the third periodic report of India, the second periodic report of Lebanon and the third periodic report of Portugal in relation with Macau.

Closing of the session

The Chairman declared closed the Committee's fifty-eighth session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement Establishing the Bank for Economic Cooperation and Development in the Middle East and North Africa, done on 28 August 1996

Signature: Cyprus and Italy (8 November 1996)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Cameroon
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Mpay
Chargé d'affaires

Asian States:
Lebanon
H.E. Mr. Samir Moubarak

Eastern European States:
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
H.E. Mr. Denko Maleski

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
H.E. Miss M. Patricia Durrant

Western European and Other States:
Belgium
H.E. Mr. Alex Reyn

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